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Breakdown.

In consequence of the breaking of one of the beams connected with the pumping engine at the Wilson Wood Colliery on Wednesday week, all underground proceedings were very soon put a stop to. The water rose so rapidly that the roads to many parts of the workings soon became impossible. The smaller pumping engine was set going to keep down the water as much as possible, but it had not worked long before, unfortunately, one of the spears broke, which caused a delay of several hours before it was again set right.

A casting weighing about a ton and a half, from Mr Bracewell's foundry at Burnley, arrived at the Colliery on Wednesday. The casting is much heavier than the part that broke off, it being too light, having to be weighted to make it work steady. The men have worked diligently day and night until Wednesday, when the jointing of the two large pieces of iron was successfully accomplished. The Engine was set in motion on Wednesday afternoon, and now appears to be doing its work well. It is thought that by the commencement of the coming week the water will be lowered so far that the men will be able to resume work.